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- 1. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE FRG, KENYA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, AND THE NETHERLANDS, MADE STATEMENTS ENDORSING GENERALLY THE STRENGTHENING OF UNEP'S COOPERATING WITH AND SUPPORT OF NGO'S.
- 2. THE U.S. URGED UNEP TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION TO NGO'S ABOUT ITS ON-GOING ACTIVITIES, TO MAKING EFFECTIVE USE OF NGO ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE, AND TO DEFINE MORE CLEARLY THE ROLE OF THE "FRIENDS OF ENVIRONMENT" AND CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF NOMINEES FOR THE "FRIENDS" NETWORK.
- 3. FRG SUGGESTED THAT UNEP SPONSOR NGO CONFERENCES EVERY TWO YEARS ON VARIOUS SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS. ONLY FRANCE CAUTIONED UNEP ABOUT CONTACTS WITH NGO'S NOT RECOGNIZED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENT LIAISON CENTRE AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALSO WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.
- 4. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ADOPTED IN THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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